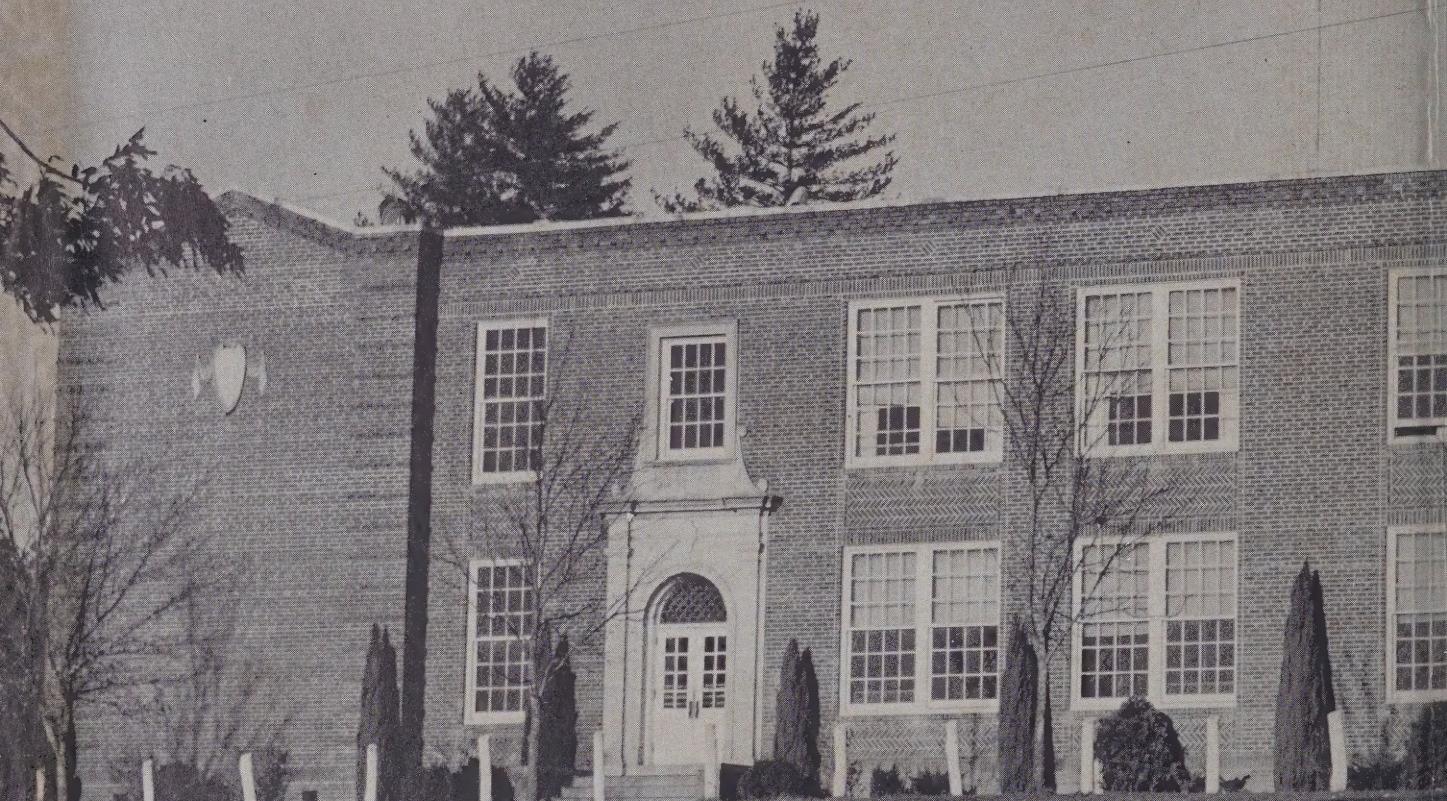




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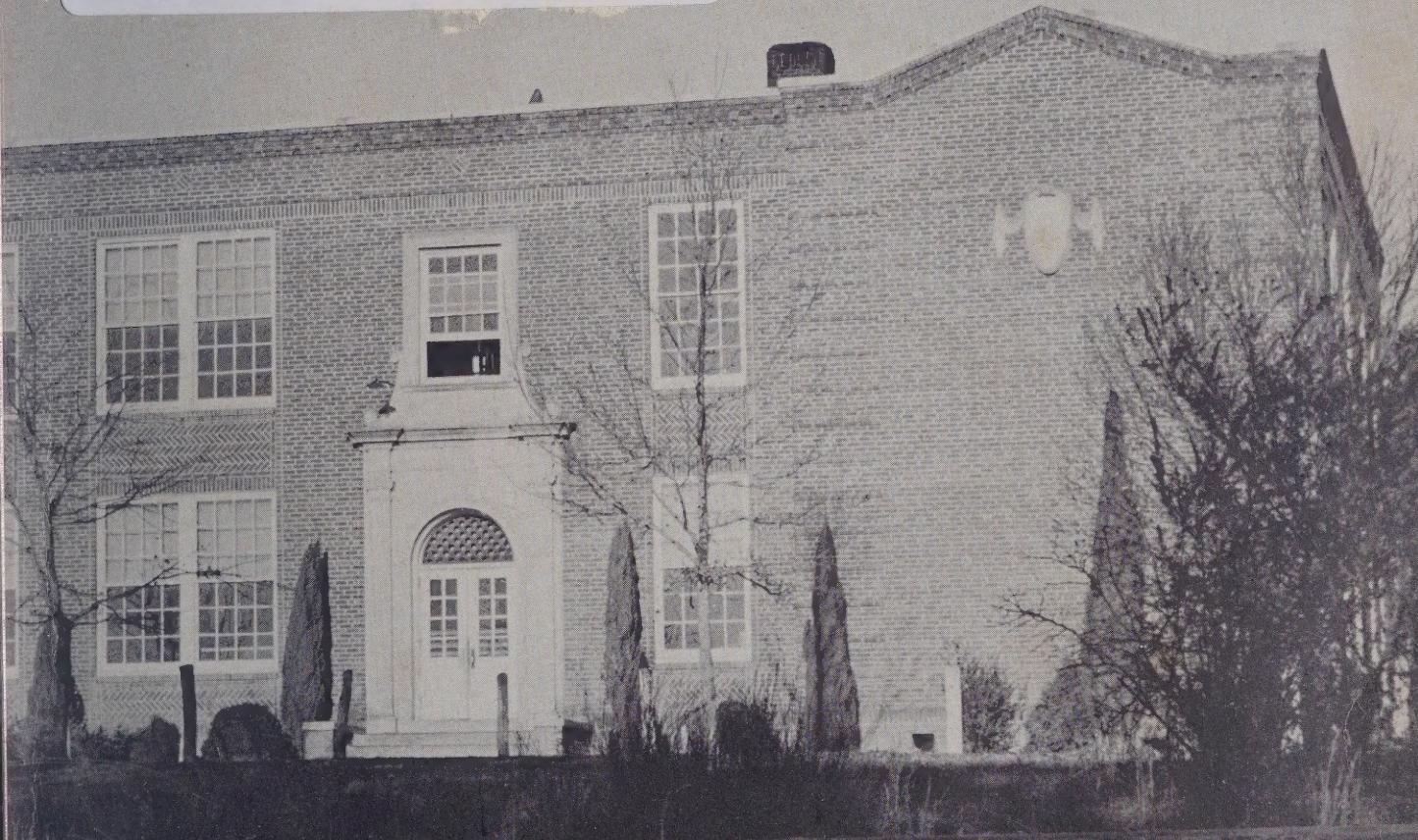
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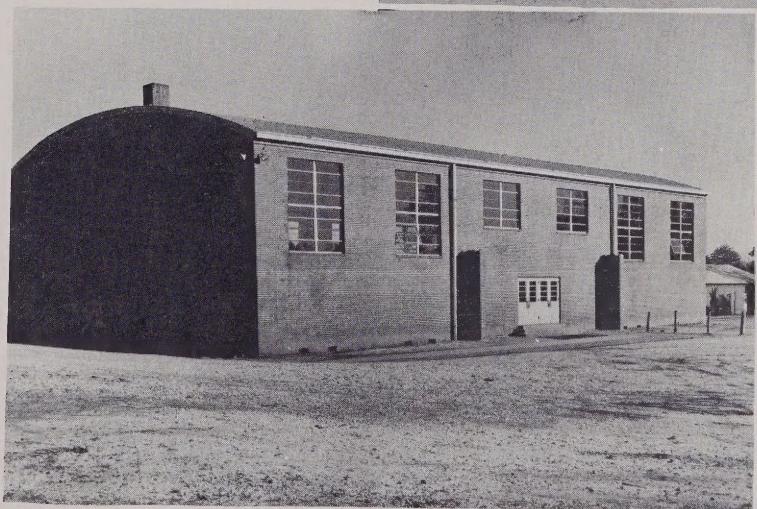


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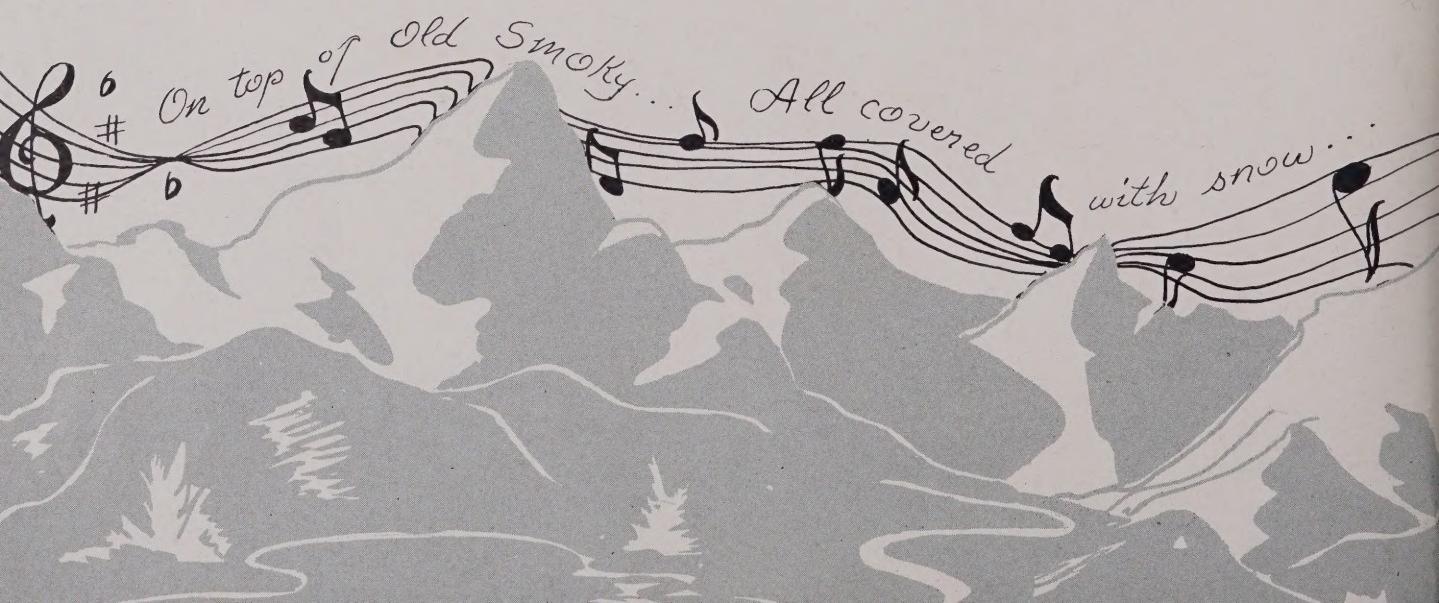


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**Etowah, North Carolina**



## Dedication

With love and deep appreciation,  
yet with a feeling of unworthiness,  
we--The Senior Class of Etowah High  
School,--dedicate this,--"The 1953  
Chief" to our dear friend and adviser,  
MRS. NELLE DOTSON, who has stood  
by us with willing loyalty and deep  
devotion as we journeyed through high  
school.



## *Foreword*

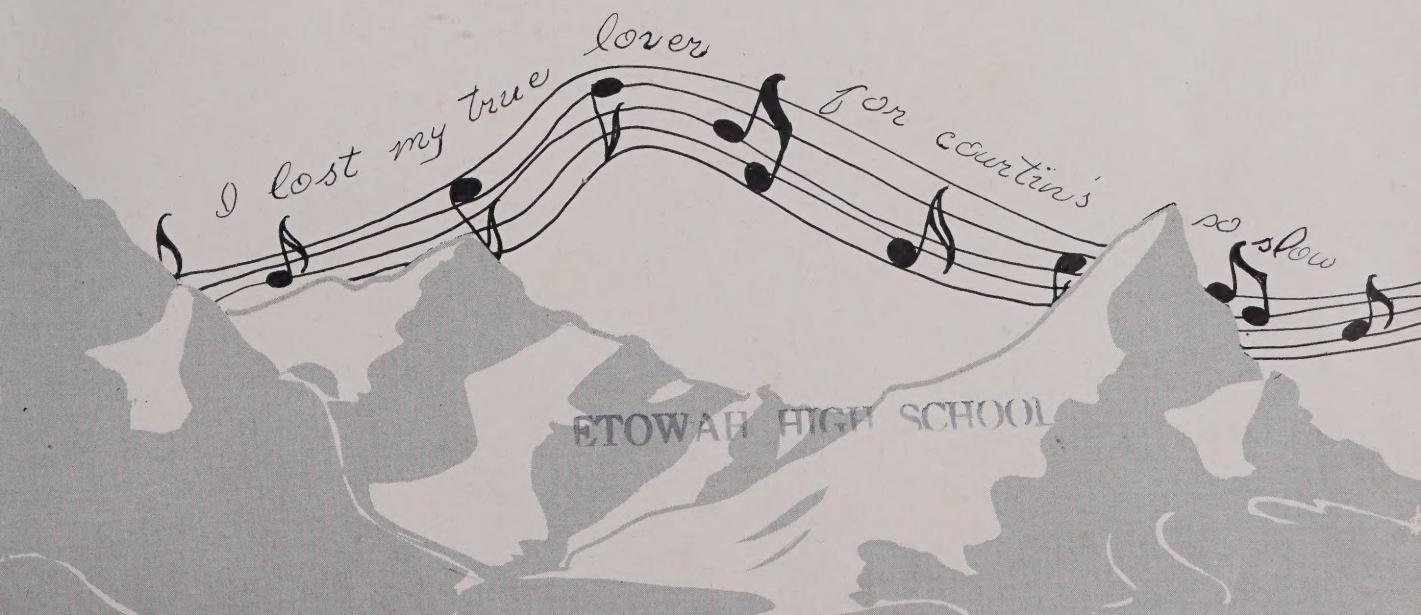
Although our school, Etowah, is nestled in the foothills of The Great Smoky Mountains, we have chosen "On Top of Old Smoky" as our theme; since we believe that it portrays best the many "ups and downs" of life--school life. In publishing this book, we wish to leave behind a lasting memorial and a work of art and beauty of our senior year. . .

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever;  
Its loveliness increases; it will never  
Pass into nothingness!"

John Keats, "Endymion"

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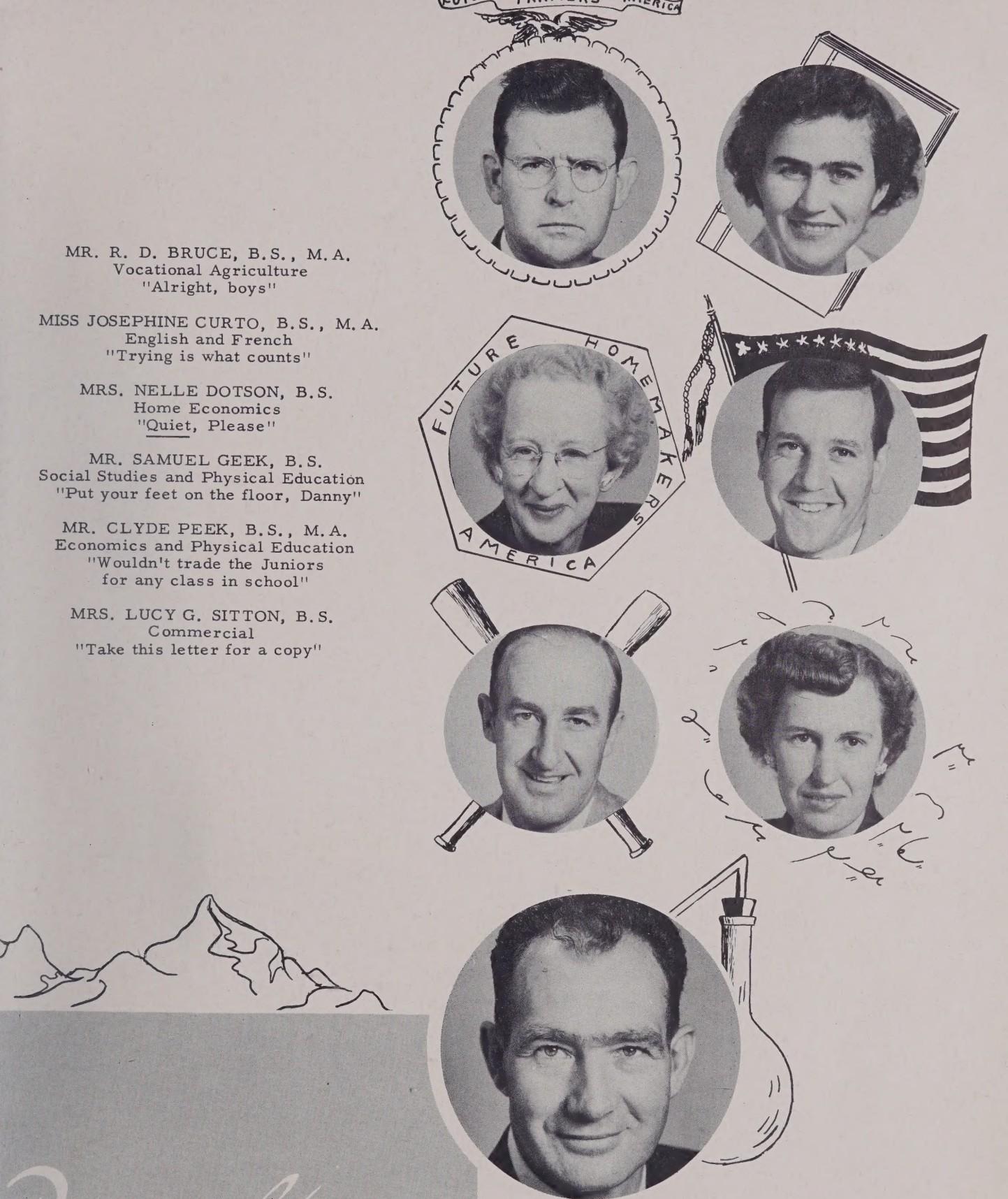
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"Just Rewards--  
For A Job Well Done--"





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Vocational Agriculture  
"Alright, boys"

MISS JOSEPHINE CURTO, B.S., M.A.  
English and French  
"Trying is what counts"

MRS. NELLE DOTSON, B.S.  
Home Economics  
"Quiet, Please"

MR. SAMUEL GEEK, B.S.  
Social Studies and Physical Education  
"Put your feet on the floor, Danny"

MR. CLYDE PEEK, B.S., M.A.  
Economics and Physical Education  
"Wouldn't trade the Juniors  
for any class in school"

MRS. LUCY G. SITTON, B.S.  
Commercial  
"Take this letter for a copy"

MR. H. T. SITTON, B.S.  
Science and Principal  
"Pencil and paper for a quiz"

Faculty

# Faculty

MRS. CLARIBEL CLARK, B.S.  
Third and Fourth Grades  
"Are you listening and do you  
understand now?"

MRS. MARGARET A. COMBS, B.S.  
Fourth Grade  
"Still pine, no more moving!"

MRS. KATE DALTON, B.S.  
Third Grade  
"Pretty is, pretty does"

MISS ADDIE DANIELS, B.S.  
First Grade  
"Spell it"

MISS MARGARET GEORGE, B.S.  
Eighth Grade and Mathematics  
"A little quiz, please!"

MRS. VERA B. MORGAN, A.B.  
Sixth Grade  
"Hurry!"

MRS. EFFIE K. STEPP, B.S.  
Fifth Grade  
"Everybody makes mistakes!"

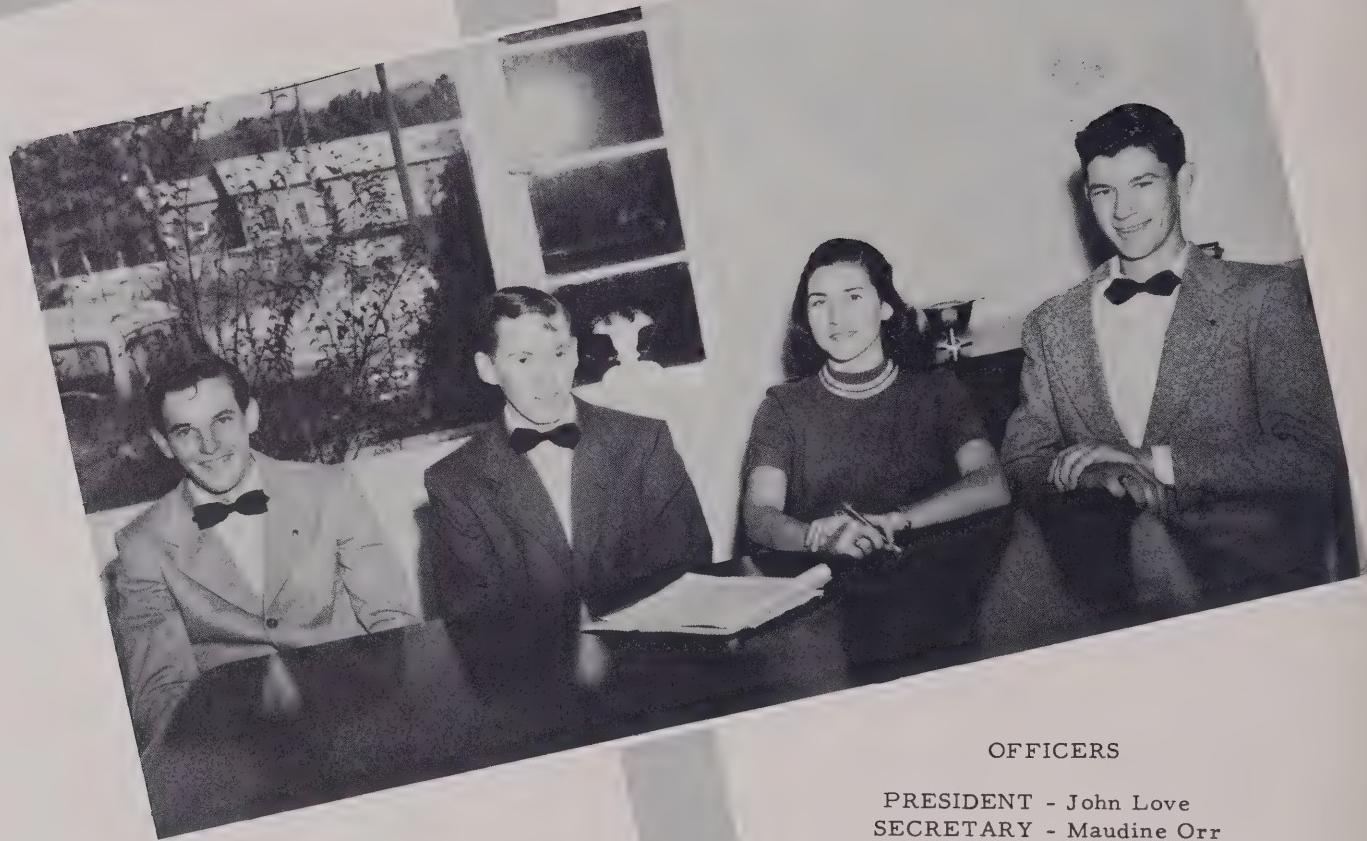
MRS. LOEE E. TURNER, B.S.  
Second Grade  
"Use your brain!"

MR. W. W. WORLEY, B.A., M.A.  
Seventh Grade and English  
"Never ashamed not to know,  
only ashamed not to learn!"

MRS. FAYE WRIGHT, A.B., B.E.D.  
First Grade  
"Do unto others as you would  
have them do unto you!"



*Seniors*



OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - John Love  
SECRETARY - Maudine Orr  
VICE PRESIDENT - Danny Johnson  
TREASURER - Griffin Kilpatrick



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MARGARET ANN GOSSETT

"Meg"

"The only thing I can't resist is temptation."

Glee Club 1,2; 4-H 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; Beta Club 3,4; Class Secretary 3; Marshal 3; Assistant snapshot editor of "The Chief"; Junior Play; FHA Parliamentarian 4; FHA President 3; Beta Club Secretary 4.

"Ah, go sit on a tack!"

NEIL MARVIN GREER

"Geezer"

"Just a shuffling along."

4-H 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Monogram 2,3,4.

"Burp"

LOUISE HENDRICKS

"Lou"

"Live and learn"

FHA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Junior Play.

"Oh, no!"

JOE HENSLEY

"Joseph"

"Studying and playing is fun, if I could play all the time." FFA 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Monogram Club 3,4; Freshmen Class Officer; Advertising Manager of "The Chief"; Junior Play; Monogram Club Vice President 4; FFA President 4.

"Nothing but money is sweeter than honey."

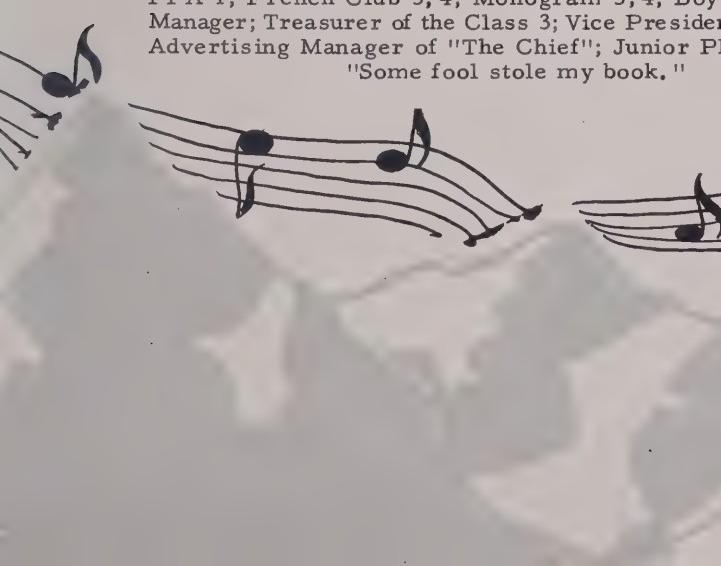
DANNY JOHNSON

"Johnson"

"Do unto others before they do unto you."

FFA 1; French Club 3,4; Monogram 3,4; Boys' Basketball Manager; Treasurer of the Class 3; Vice President 4; Assistant Advertising Manager of "The Chief"; Junior Play.

"Some fool stole my book."





GRiffin KILPATRICK  
"Stack"

"'Tis the mind that makes the body rich."

FFA 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Class Treasurer 4; Monogram Club President 4; Beta Club Treasurer 4; Junior Play; Business Manager of "The Chief."

"John Loves Audrey Hunt."

JOHN LOVE  
"Burp"

"What is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

FFA 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Editor of "The Chief"; Junior Play; Class President 4; Monogram Treasurer 4; Beta Club Vice President 4; French and Algebra Award 3; Marshal 3.

"Griffin Mae or Mae Not!"

ERLINE McCARSON  
"Topsy"

"It is commendable to face life with your chin up, but don't forget to duck!"

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; Monogram 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 2, 3; Chief Marshal 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Snapshot Editor of "The Chief"; Junior Play; FHA President 2; Project Chairman 4; 4-H Club Secretary 2; President 3; Beta Club President 4; Monogram Club Secretary 4; Home Economics Medal 2; Class Sec. 2; President 3.

"Ah-----really"

VIRGLE McCLURE  
"Mack"

"Push, pull, or get out of the way."

FFA 1, 2, 4; Monogram 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Staff member of "The Chief"; Junior Play.

"Mmmmmmmmmmm Boy."

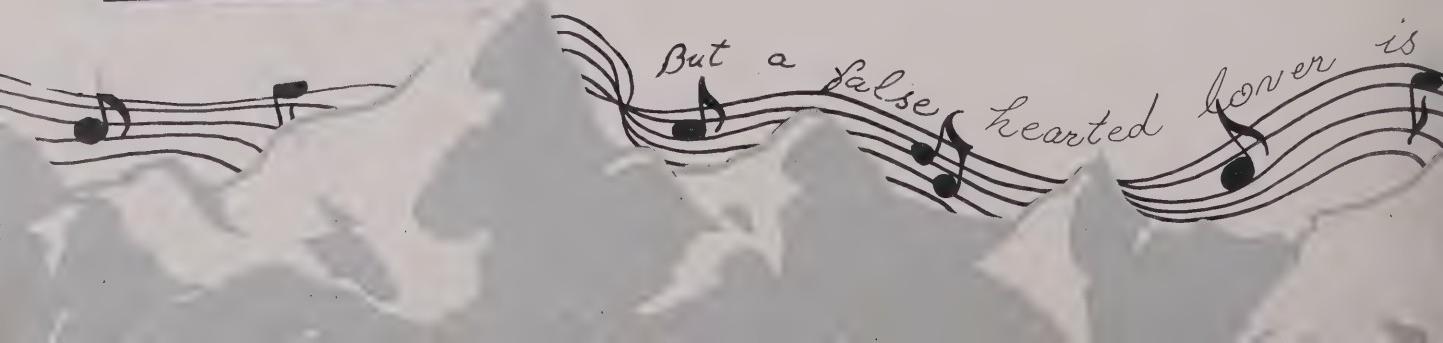
ROBERT McCombs  
"Bobby"

"A penny saved is a penny earned."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

"Take the cash and let the credit go."

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PERRY JOE MORGAN  
"Poodle"

"Conduct and courage lead to Honor"  
FFA 1, 2, 3; Baseball 3, 4; Beta Club 4; Assistant Business Manager of "The Chief"; Stage Manager, Junior Play; Class Treasurer 1; Marshal 3.

We ain't gentlemen."

MAUDINE ORR  
"Monk"

"I'm as innocent as a new laid egg."  
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Beta Club 4; Class Vice President 2; Class Secretary 4; Feature Editor of "The Chief"; Usher Junior Play; FHA Vice President 4; Typing medal 3; Marshal 3.

"Oh! Heck!"

HILDA PARRIS  
"The best is worth working for"

EARL ALBERT SUMNER  
"Alb"

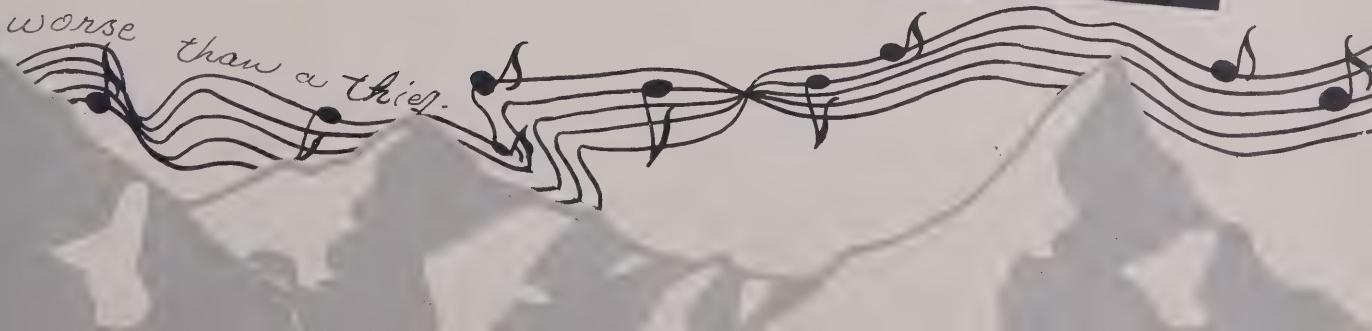
"Never sit on rubber tacks"  
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 2; Staff member of the "Chief"; Junior Play.

"Ow Baby."

ROGER WHITESIDES  
"Shine"

"Don't do today what you can put off until tomorrow."  
FFA 1, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Basketball 1; Monogram 2, 3, 4; Assistant Editor of "The Chief"; Junior Play; Secretary of FFA 4.  
"Don't feel bad if you are not very bright when you finish Etowah, because the strong oak began a nut like you."

## Seniors



Neil Greer, Louise Hendricks

Griffin Kilpatrick, Margaret Ann Gossett

John Love, Erline McCarson

by McCombs, Virgle McClure

SUPERL



Danny Johnson, Hilda Parris



Eddie Love



Perry Morgan, Maudine Orr



Roger Whitesides, Louise Hendricks



Joe Hensley, Erline McCarson

# ATIVES



Earl Sumner, Hilda Parris



Sheila Gossett

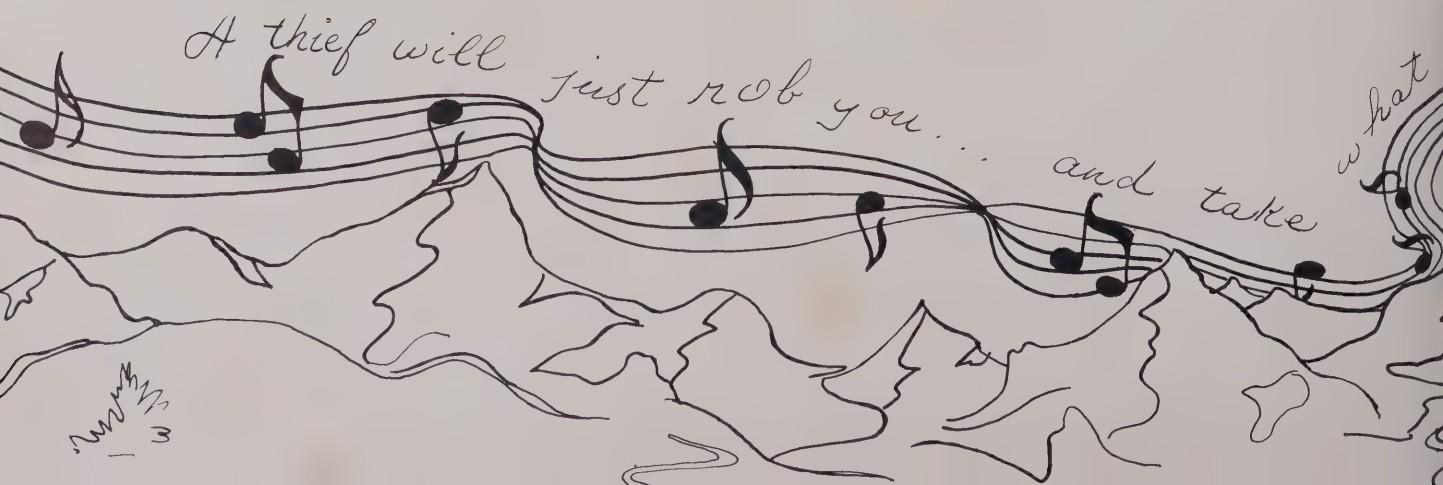


Joe Hensley, Maudine Orr



## Three Up and One To Go

We aren't dignified, because we aren't Seniors. We have forgotten the sophistication we knew as learned Sophomores. To prove it, we frolicked with ghosts and goblins and climaxed the Fall Festival by crowning the king and queen of the night. The seniors, we sent out into the world with the traditional banquet. . . .

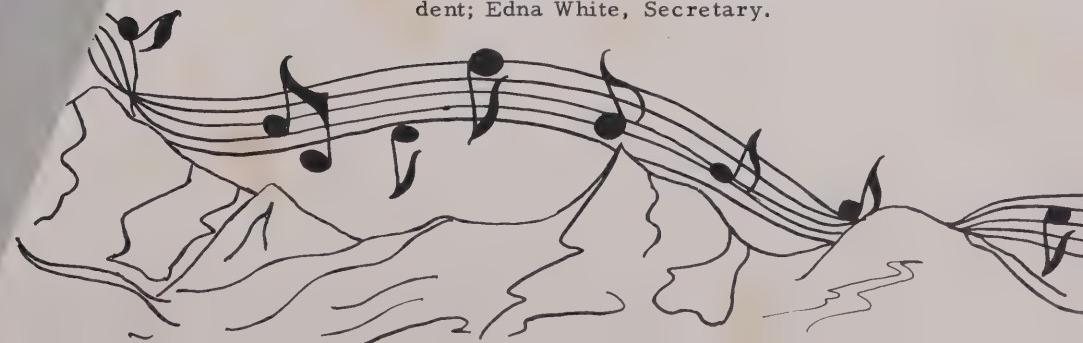


## *Juniors*



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## *Juniors*



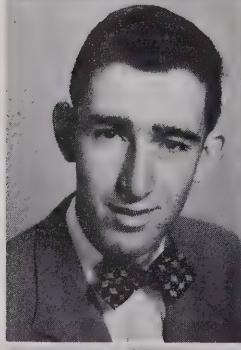
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LUTHER BELL



GERALD BRESNAHAN  
BRADY BRIGGS, JR.  
ROY BROGDEN



FRANK CASE  
KATHERINE DALTON  
MAE GARREN



WOODROW GIBBS  
LOUISE GRIFFIN  
JACKIE HAWKINS



FRANCES HENDRICKS  
AUDREY HUNTSINGER



## *Juniors*

MARY JOHNSON  
DOLLY JEAN McKINNA  
BETTY McCALL



ADA NORRIS  
LAVADA NORRIS  
VIRGINIA ORR



JEAN OWENS  
KATHLEEN RANDOLPH  
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WILLIAM SAUNDERS  
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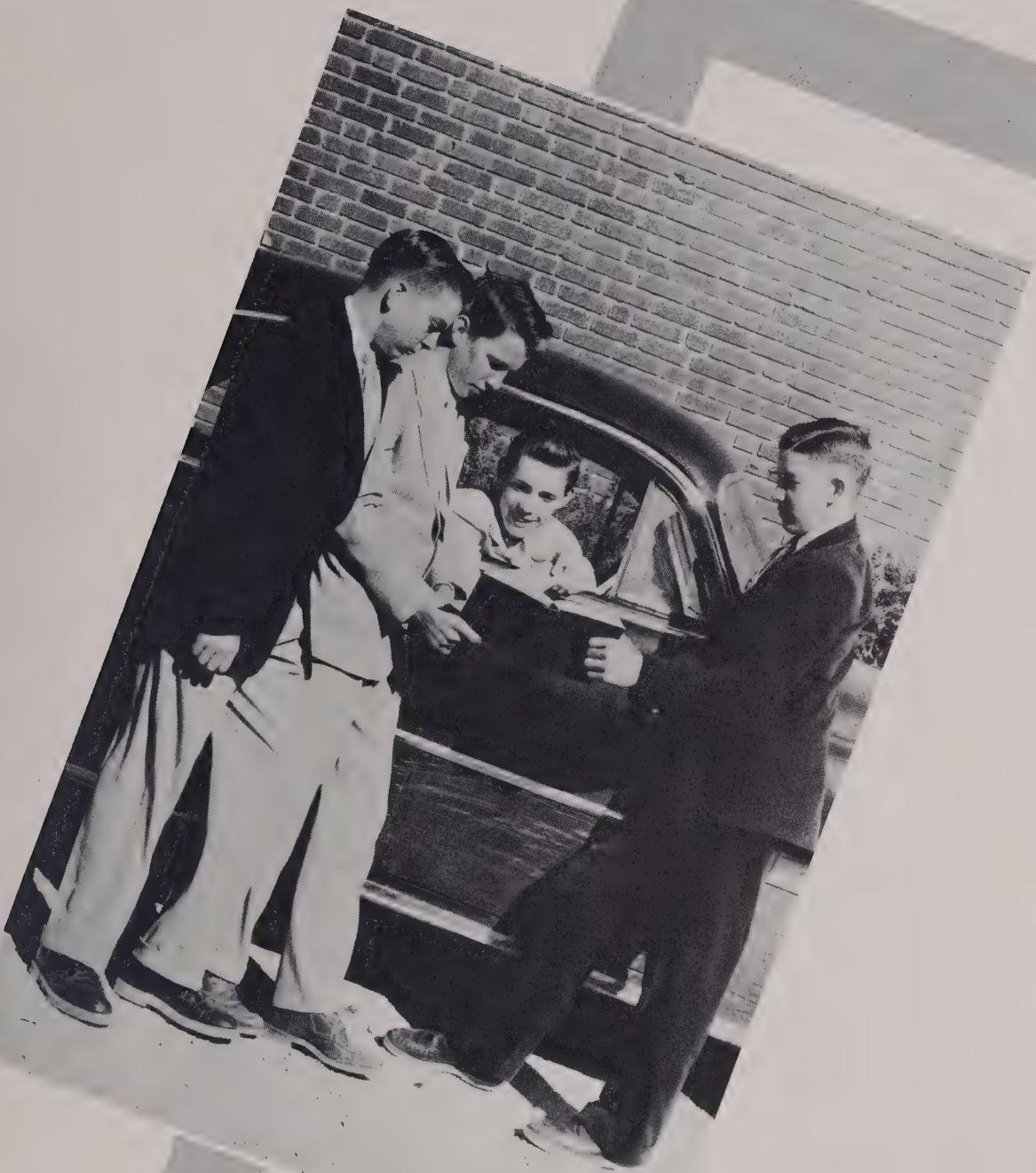


## Climbing Upward

We're just the usual run of Sohpomores, ripe enough to tell the Freshmen off. Mrs. Perry guided us through our first year but left the job to Mrs. Sitton for our second season at Etowah. We've had parties, gone skating, took field trips and occasionally studied. Hail to the '53-'54 Junior class, 'cause we're IT!

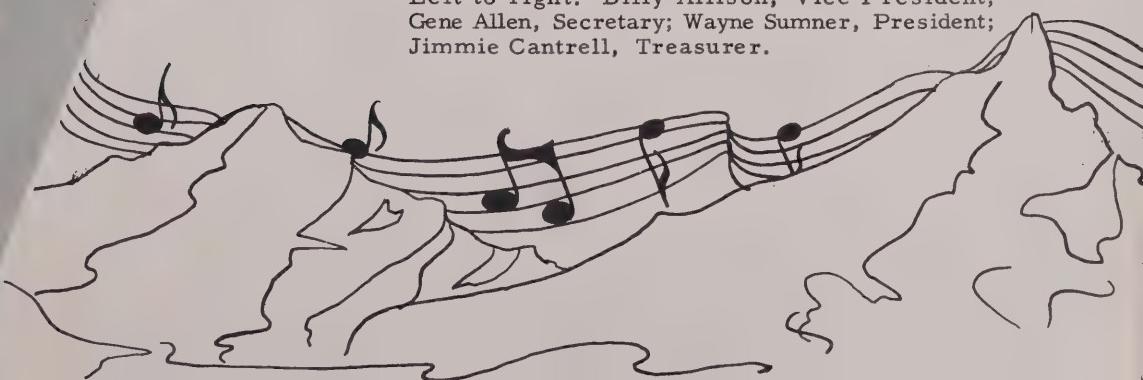


## Sophomores



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Left to right: Billy Allison, Vice President;  
Gene Allen, Secretary; Wayne Sumner, President;  
Jimmie Cantrell, Treasurer.



## *Sophomores*



GENE ALLEN  
BILLY ALLISON  
HAROLD AUSTIN  
CLARA NELL BAYNARD



JIMMY CANTRELL  
JANIE COLE  
LOUISE COSTON  
BILLY DALTON



BOBBY DALTON  
VIRGINIA DALTON  
PATRICIA FLETCHER  
RANDALL JACKSON



LORRAINE MARONA  
MARIE GRACE METCALF  
DONALD McCANSON  
WAYNE MORGAN



WYNN MORGAN  
RUSSEL NIX  
LARRY OWENS  
WAYNE SUMNER



LORENA WEESE  
JUANITA WILLIAMS





## *We Have Begun*

We may be Freshmen, but we were the biggest news on the campus this year. WHY? We have painted and cleaned, we have dramatized and pantomimed, we have played, sung, and worked together without dispute or trouble. We may have been the babies, but we have proven ourselves worthy of being called high school students. With Miss Curto as our home-room teacher, we have done much and we plan to do a lot more in the three years yet to come.....



Freshmen



OFFICERS

Left to right: Bobby Drake, Vice President; Jackie Newman, Program Chairman; Joe Allison, Treasurer; Maymie Jo Sumney, Secretary; Lloyd Williams, President.



## *Freshmen*

HAROLD ALLEN  
JOE ALLISON  
JOYCE ALLISON  
WANDA BRIGGS



BOBBY DRAKE  
BOBBY HUGGINS  
MINNIE HUNTSINGER  
MARGARET JOHNSON



RUBY JONES  
SYLVIA J. McCARSON  
PEGGY McCOMBS  
VERA MOODY



JACKIE NEWMAN  
CLAIR ORR  
FREDDIE PARRIS  
JIMMY PHILLIPS



GENEVA PRUITT  
MARY ELLEN RITTER  
CHARLES ROBINSON  
CLARENCE (BUD) STOVER



MAYMIE JO SUMNEY  
EDWIN TALLEY  
JOE WHITE  
LLOYD WILLIAMS



## *Eighth Grade*



G. D. ALLEN  
MARGARET AUSTIN  
PATSY BELL  
BOBBIE CANTRELL  
BOBBY J. CANTRELL



ANN COX  
DONALD CROWDER  
BERNICE DALTON  
NORMA JEAN DALTON  
CECIL GARREN



JANICE GREER  
JERRIE HENSLEY  
LEWIS HENSLEY  
MARY JOHNSON  
THOMAS JOHNSON



MARGARET CAROLYN JONES  
DAVID KILPATRICK  
LOIS LEDBETTER  
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DOROTHY ANN McCARSON



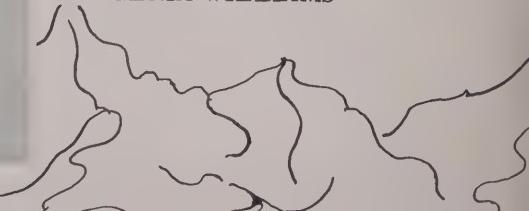
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SHIRLEY SOUTHER  
CAROLYN SUMNER  
FRANCES SUTTLES



MARY JANE WEESE  
EUGENIA WILLIAMS



## *Seventh Grade*

DANIEL ADCOCK  
FREDDIE BAINES  
MONA JANE BANKS  
LOUISE BLANKENSHIP  
CAROLYN BLYTHE



FRANK BRADLEY  
DOUGLAS BROWN  
RUBY CAMP  
WANDA CAMPBELL  
MARGARET CHESTAIN



MELVIN CLONTZ  
BETTY CLONTZ  
JEANNENE COSTON  
DORIS DRAKE  
JIMMY FLETCHER



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JANICE MOFFITT  
JAMES NESBITT  
WEBB NORRIS  
ANN NIX  
DOUGLAS OWENS



MARGIE ORR  
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BUDDY PARRIS  
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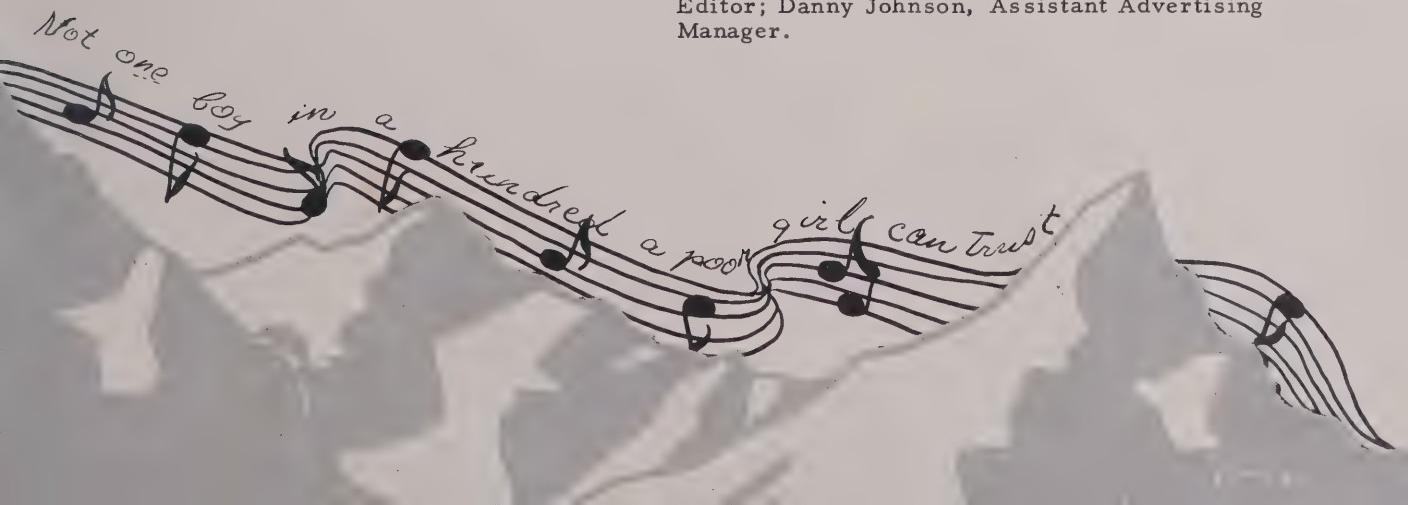
# *Activities*



## *Annual Staff*



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## Beta Club



Seated, left to right: Mrs. Lucy Sitton, Sponsor; Virginia Orr; John Love, Vice President; Erline McC Carson, President; Griffin Kilpatrick, Treasurer; Margaret Ann Gossett, Secretary; Lorena Weese; Maudine Orr. Standing: Mary Johnson, Audrey Huntsinger, Jimmy Allen, Perry Morgan, Randall Jackson, Katherine Dalton, Juanita Williams, Louise Coston.

## Mes Cheries



"NOUS PARLONS FRANCAIS UN PEU, MAIS NOUS NOUS AMUSONS BEAUCOUP"

Monsieur Jacques Allen, President; Mlle. Maria Metcalf, Vice President; Mlle. Lorene Weese, Secretary; Monsieur Francis Case, Treasurer; Mlle. Bettinia McCall, Program Chairman; et Mlle. Curto, La Maitresse.

## *4-H Club*



Gene Allen, President; Florence Robinson, Vice President; Wayne Sumner, Secretary;  
Mr. Sam Geek, Sponsor.

## *The Junior Audubon Club*



MISS MARGARET GEORGE, ADVISER



*Our Banquet*

MOTHER-DAUGHTER

*Our Beau*



*F.H.A.*



First Row: Audrey Huntsinger, Pat Fletcher, Clair Orr, Peggy McCombs, Maymie Jo Sumney, Mary Ellen Ritter, Treasurer; Elaine Adcock, President; Edna White, Secretary; Janie Cole, Clara Baynard, Louise Coston, Mrs. Nell Dotson, Sponsor. Second Row: Lorraine Marona, Katherine Dalton, Dolly Jean McKenna, Mae Garren, Wanda Briggs, Virginia Dalton, Minnie Huntsinger, Maudine Orr, Vice President; Vera Moody, Ruby Jones, Virginia Orr, Lorena Weese, Juanita Williams, Hilda Parris, Louise Hendricks. Not Pictured: Margaret Gossett, Erline Carson.

*Our  
Sweetheart*



*'Our Banquet'*

FATHER-SON

*zidens and listen to me...*



*F.F.A.*



Joe Hensley, President; Virgle McClure, Vice President; Roger Whitesides, Secretary; Frank Case, Treasurer; Earl Sumner, Reporter; Mr. R. D. Bruce, Adviser.



Hail to our fall festival Royalty !



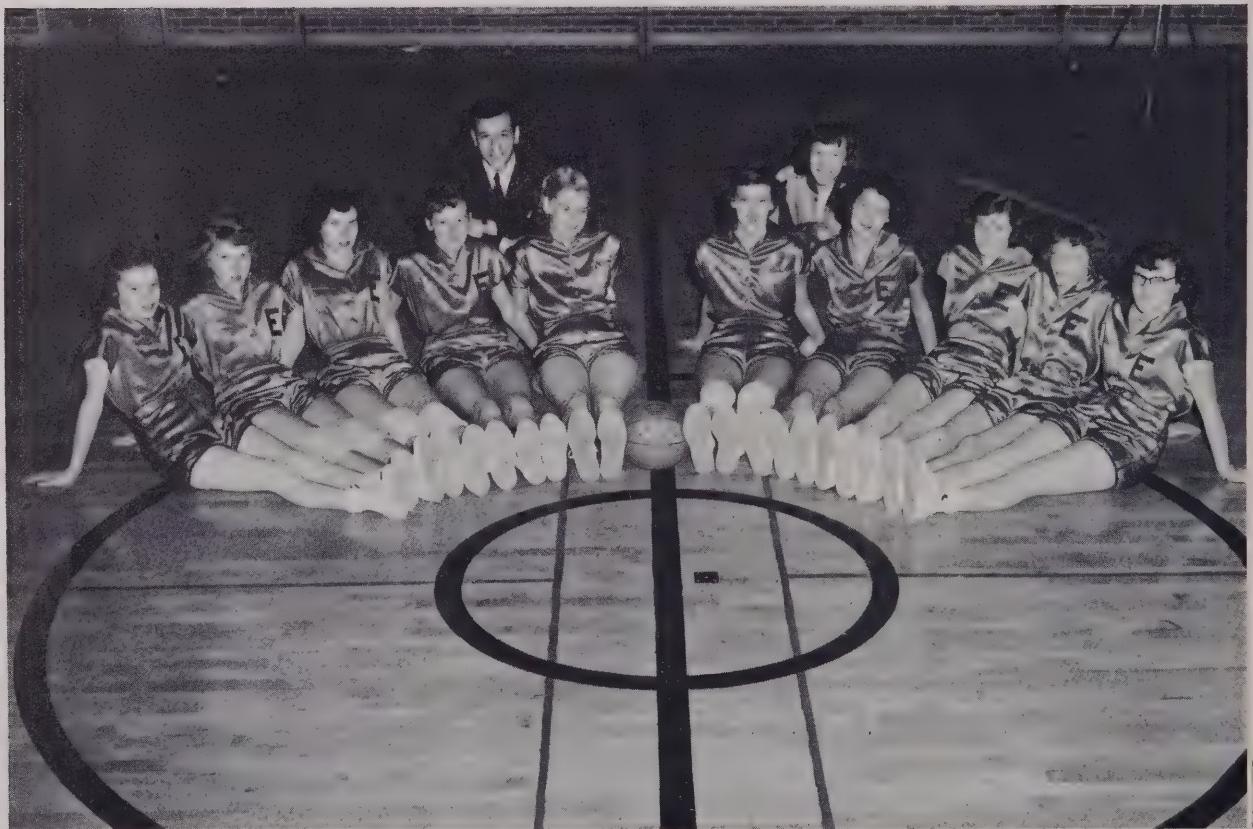
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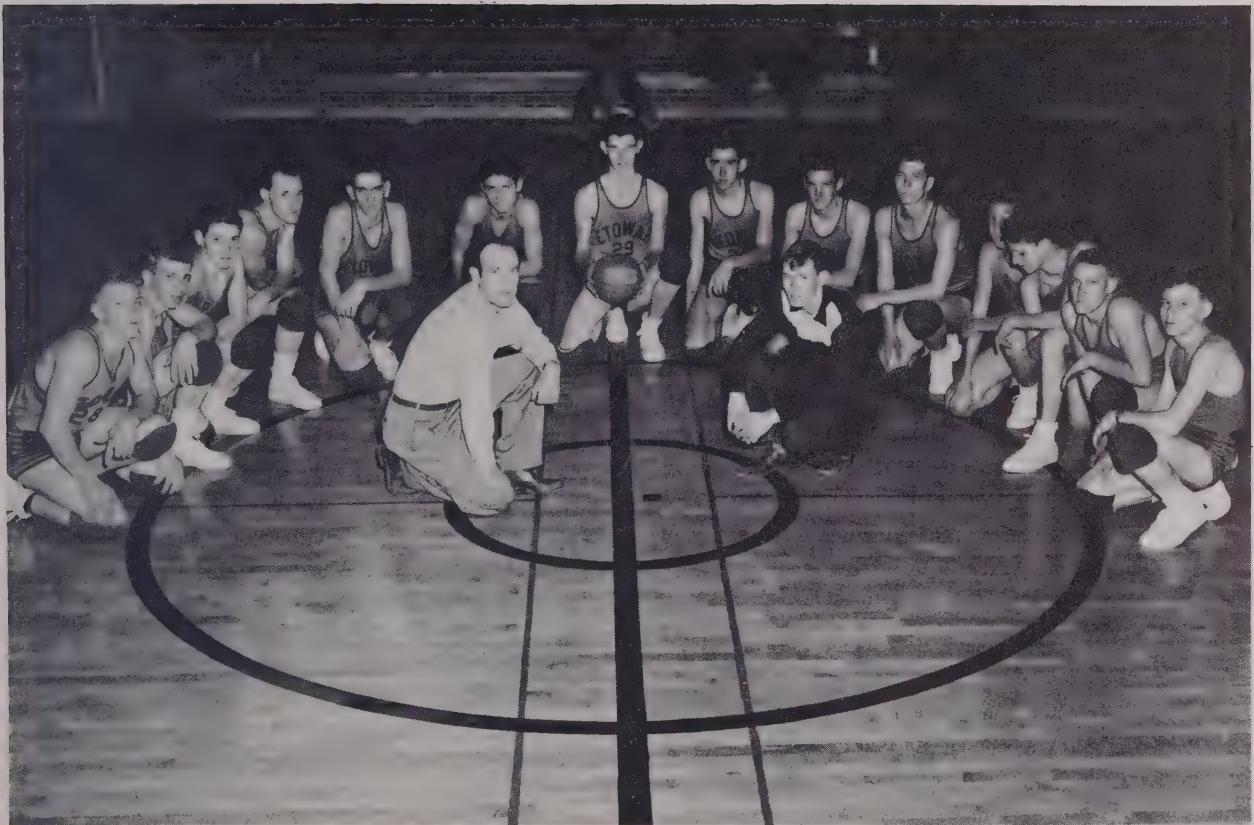
*Girls'*  
*Basketball*



Louise Coston, Dolly Jean McKinna, Lorraine Marona, Wanda Briggs, Lorena Weese, Jackie Hawkins, Virginia Dalton, Minnie Huntsinger, Maymie Jo Sumney, Juanita Williams, Mr. Samuel Geek, Coach; Clara Baynard, Manager.



## *Boys' Basketball*

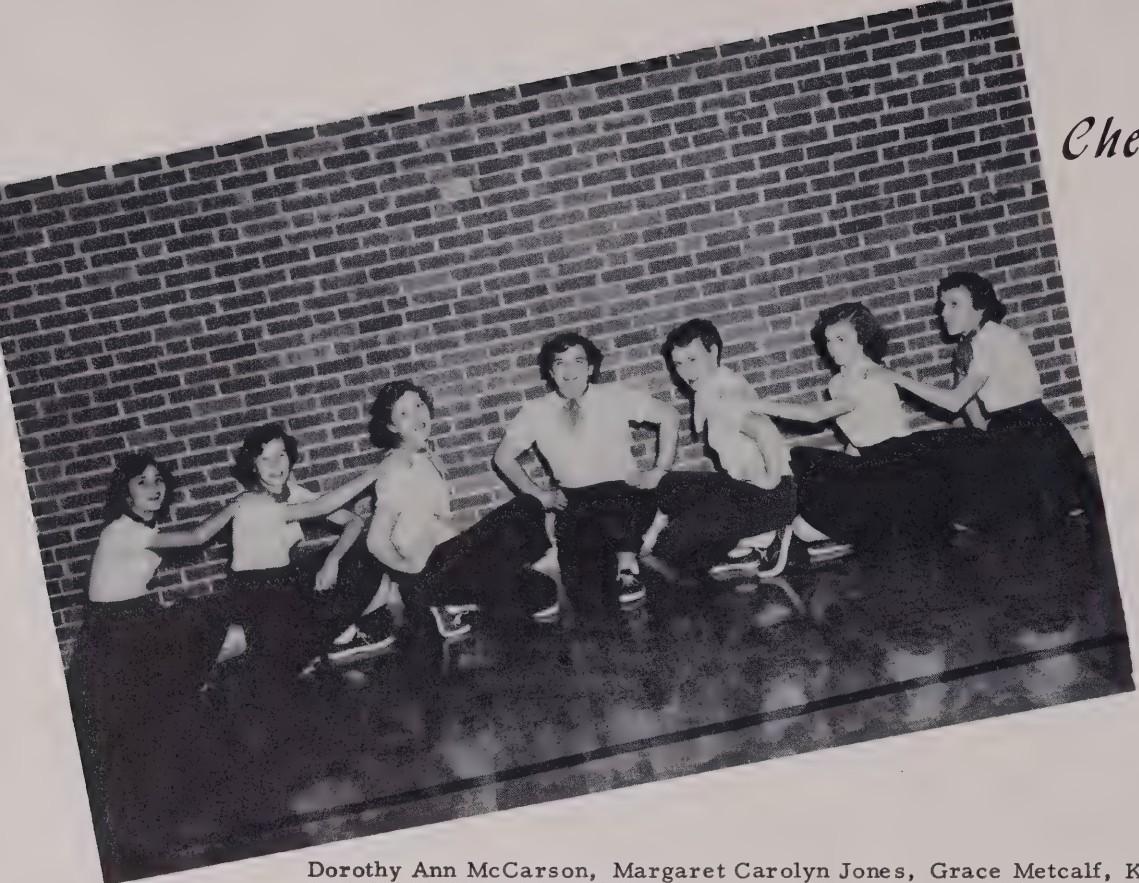


Left to right: Billy Dalton, Jimmy Allen, Wayne Sumner, Earl Sumner, Neil Greer, Russel Nix, Griffin Kilpatrick, Woodrow Gibbs, John Love, Joe Hensley, Roger Whitesides, Bobby Drake, Bobby Dalton, Harold Austin. In Circle: Mr. Clyde Peek, Coach; Danny Johnson, Manager.



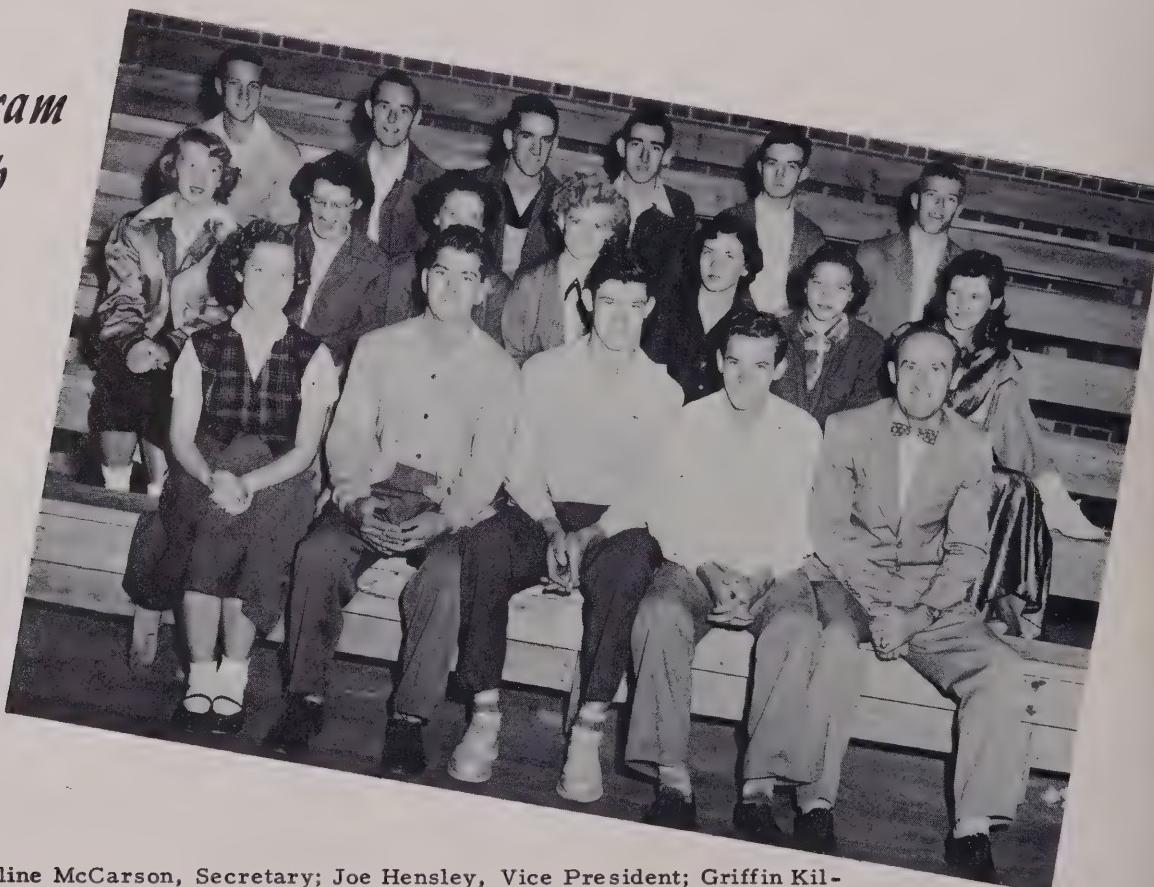
"County, Regional, and District Champs; perhaps even State."

## Cheerleaders



Dorothy Ann McC Carson, Margaret Carolyn Jones, Grace Metcalf, Katherine Dalton (Chief), Kathleen Randolph, Mary Jane Weese, Patsy Bell.

## Monogram Club



First Row: Erline McC Carson, Secretary; Joe Hensley, Vice President; Griffin Kilpatrick, President; John Love, Treasurer; Mr. Clyde Peek, Sponsor. Second Row: Dolly McKinna, Hilda Parris, Louise Coston, Lorena Weese, Lorraine Marona, Audrey Huntsinger, Jean Owens. Third Row: Roger Whitesides, Earl Sumner, Neil Greer, Woodrow Gibbs, Virgle McClure, Jimmy Allen.

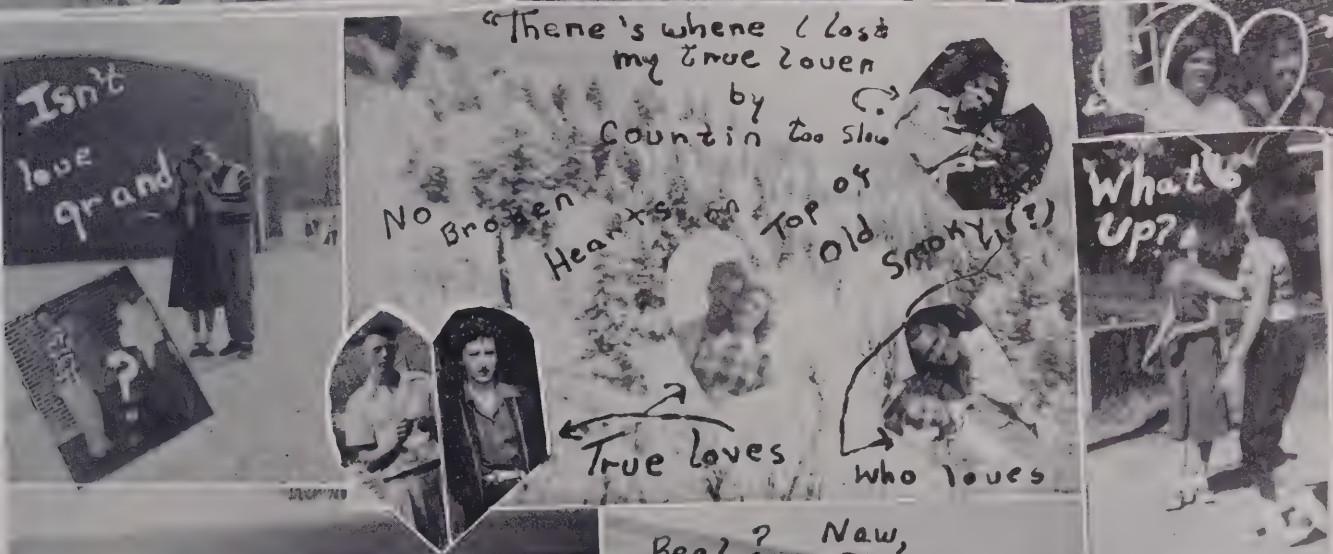
# Baseball



First Row, left to right: Russel Nix, Frank Case, Lloyd Williams, Donald McCarson, Harold Austin, Billy Dalton, Bobby Dalton, Wayne Sumner. Second Row: Manager Harold Allen, T. C. Williams, Perry Morgan, Virgil McClure, Roger Whitesides, Earl Sumner, Joe Hensely, John Love, Coach Clyde Peek.







Small Fry





SIXTH GRADE, MRS. VERA MORGAN, TEACHER

FIFTH GRADE, MRS. EFFIE STEPP, TEACHER





FOURTH GRADE, MRS. MARGARET COMBS, TEACHER

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES, MRS. CLARIBELL CLARK, TEACHER





THIRD GRADE, MRS. KATE DALTON, TEACHER

SECOND GRADE, MRS. LOEE TURNER, TEACHER



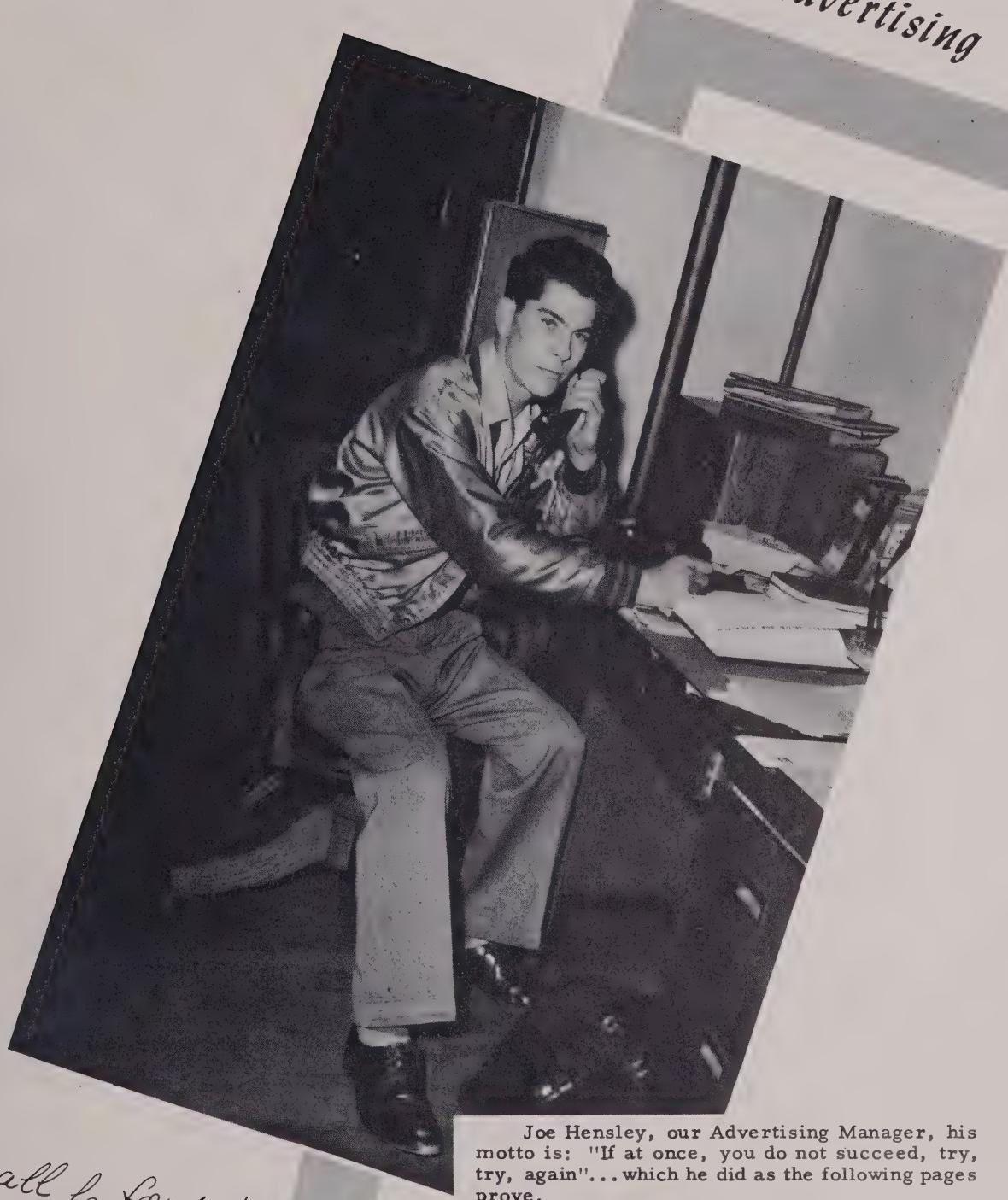


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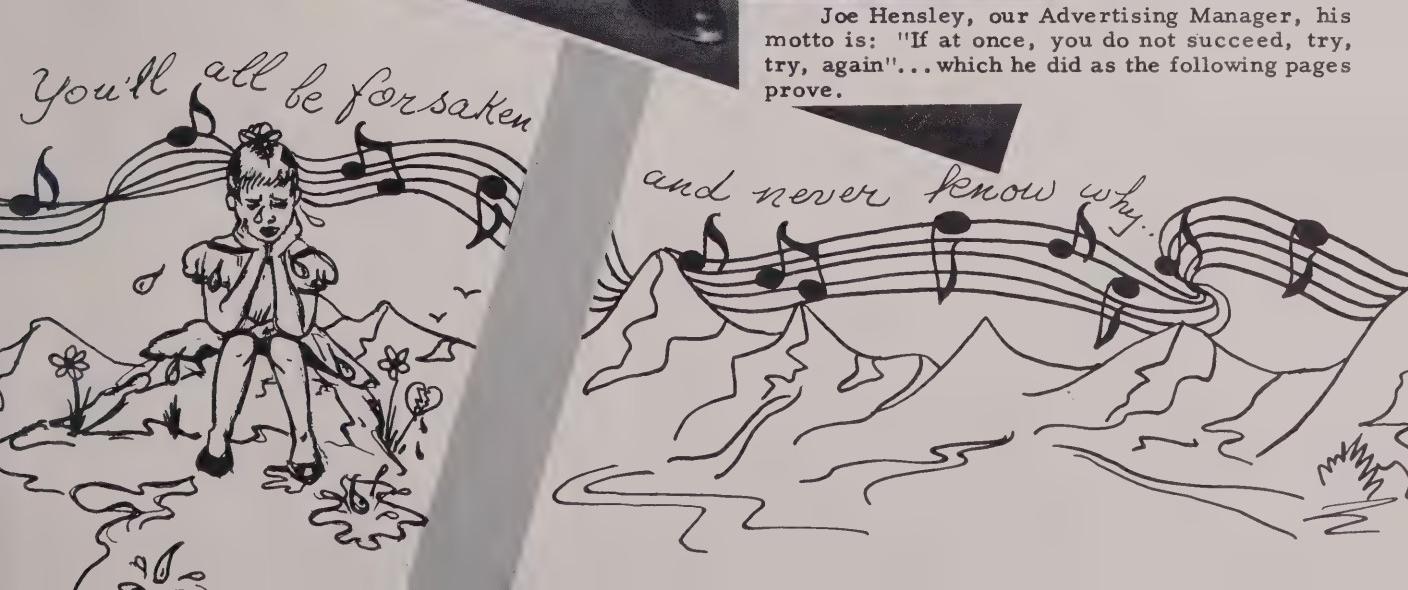
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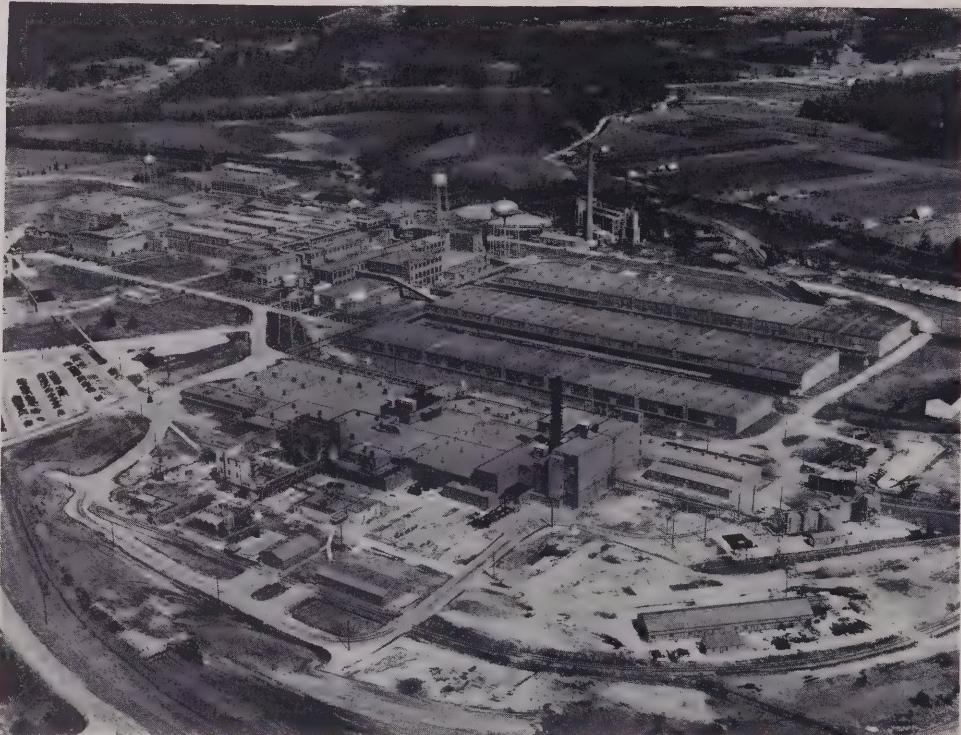


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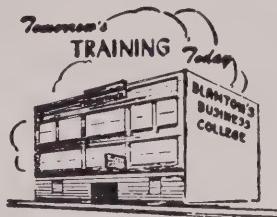
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While shouting and rejoicing as the group, joined by Erlene McCanson, entered upon the ninth lap of the journey, they saw at last their long sought goal in sight. As the weary, yet jubilant, pilgrims stood gazing upward through the snow and mist, striving to see the top, Mr. Peek tightened the climbing ropes, helped repack knapsacks, and gave first-aid to those who were beginning to weaken. Mrs. Dotson relieved Mr. Peek of this job as she chose to finish the long dangerous climb with the little group. Upward and over the tenth ridge, they climbed without disaster, but alas, during the eleventh lap of the climb, though Mrs. Dotson struggled frantically, three girls fell into the Pigeon River and were carried with the swirling tide into the sea of matrimony. It was during this phase of the struggle upward that they took out time to present a three-act play under the supervision of Miss Curto and to entertain their elders (the 1952 seniors) with an elaborate feast and frolic on the "Merry-go-round of Life."

Even as the group, in triumph, climbed the last lap of the long journey, evading crevices and gorges, another member of the class, Hilda Parris, was swept down from the mountain into the sea of matrimony. At last, the smoke has cleared from the mountain, our long hike is finished, our days of sorrow and woe are over, our guides are now leaving us on our own as we face the tomorrow. In our hands, we hold the passports to our future, in our minds, we hold pictured of what is before us, but in our hearts we hold dear memories of cherished friends and teachers who helped us, memories of joys, triumphs, and sorrow shared, and memories of twelve years of life, that is now past, seemed so short. As we stand, fourteen strong----triumphant in our climb, we are a bit afraid of what lies on the path down on the other side, but with faith in God in mankind, we are ready to start our trip down.

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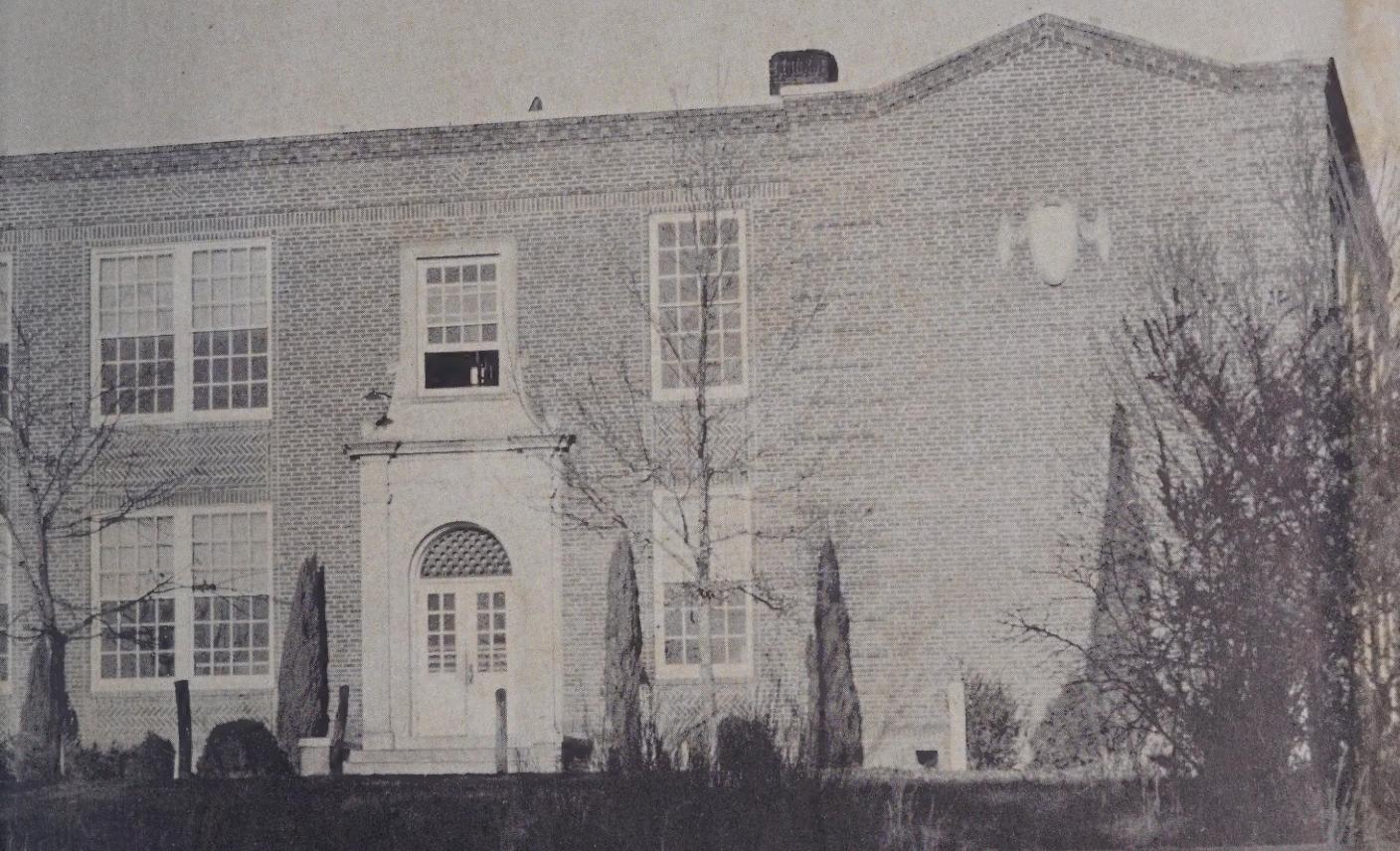


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